

KENTUCKY ANNUAL HOSPICE SERVICES REPORT

INTRODUCTION

The Kentucky Department for Public Health announces the release of the 2001 Kentucky Annual Hospice Report. The Health Policy Development Branch, Division of Epidemiology and Health Planning, is responsible for the hospice utilization data collection and reporting set forth in 902 KAR 20:008, (rev. 7-16-01). The 2001 report is the most recent official hospice data published by the Cabinet for Health Services.

The report covers the period from January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001 for all Kentucky hospice programs. In addition, the 2001 Kentucky Annual Hospice Report highlights state hospice services and populations between the years of 1995-2001. The first edition of the annual report was in 1995.

2001 Hospice Report Summary:

There were 11,490 hospice patients served in 2001, compared to 10,632 in calendar year 2000. This represents a 7.1% increase in hospice patients served between year 2000 and 2001.

Since 1999, the number of hospice admissions has steadily increased. In calendar year 2000 there were 9,106 admissions compared to 9,862 in 2001(highest total since 1995) an increase of 7.6%.

In 2001, 62.4% of all hospice deaths reported were due to cancer. This compares to 61.5% of all hospice deaths in 2000. There were 8,831 total hospice deaths in 2001, compared to 8,315 hospice deaths in calendar year 2000 (6.2% increase).

Hospital Discharges To Hospice

According to hospital discharge data collected by the Kentucky Department for Public Health (Health Policy Development Branch), there were 1,495 Kentucky residents discharged from Kentucky hospitals to an in-state hospice service in 2001. Of these discharges, 54.35% (793) were females. The average age of this group of discharges was 70.6 yrs.

These patients accounted for 11,608 hospital inpatient days prior to discharge to hospice. The average length of stay for these patients was 7.76 days. This compares with an average length of stay for all hospitalized patients regardless of discharge of 4.68.

Definitions:

ADD: Area Development District

Patients Served: Number of persons who received a service through a hospice provider. For example, with social worker visits, a person or family may receive such a service without being an actual hospice patient.

Admissions: Persons actually admitted to hospice services. A physician has referred these persons, and life expectancy is short.

Other Notes:

The 2001 Kentucky Annual Hospice Report has undergone extensive redesign, with several elements removed from the survey and report formats. Due to changes in the survey process, this report DOES NOT contain the following sections previously included in the annual report:

- **Section II:** Staff utilization data by ADD and county.
- **Section III:** Primary Diagnoses of Hospice Patients.
- **Section IV:** Primary Diagnoses of Hospice Patients listed by program name, counties served and age cohorts.

The Kentucky Department for Public Health provides online versions of the Kentucky Annual Hospice Report. We hope you will find the information contained in our reports to be informative and easy to navigate. The 2000 and 2001 report will be available on-line in the near future. The web address is: <http://publichealth.state.ky.us/data-warehouse.html>

Please contact our office with your questions, concerns, or for further information.

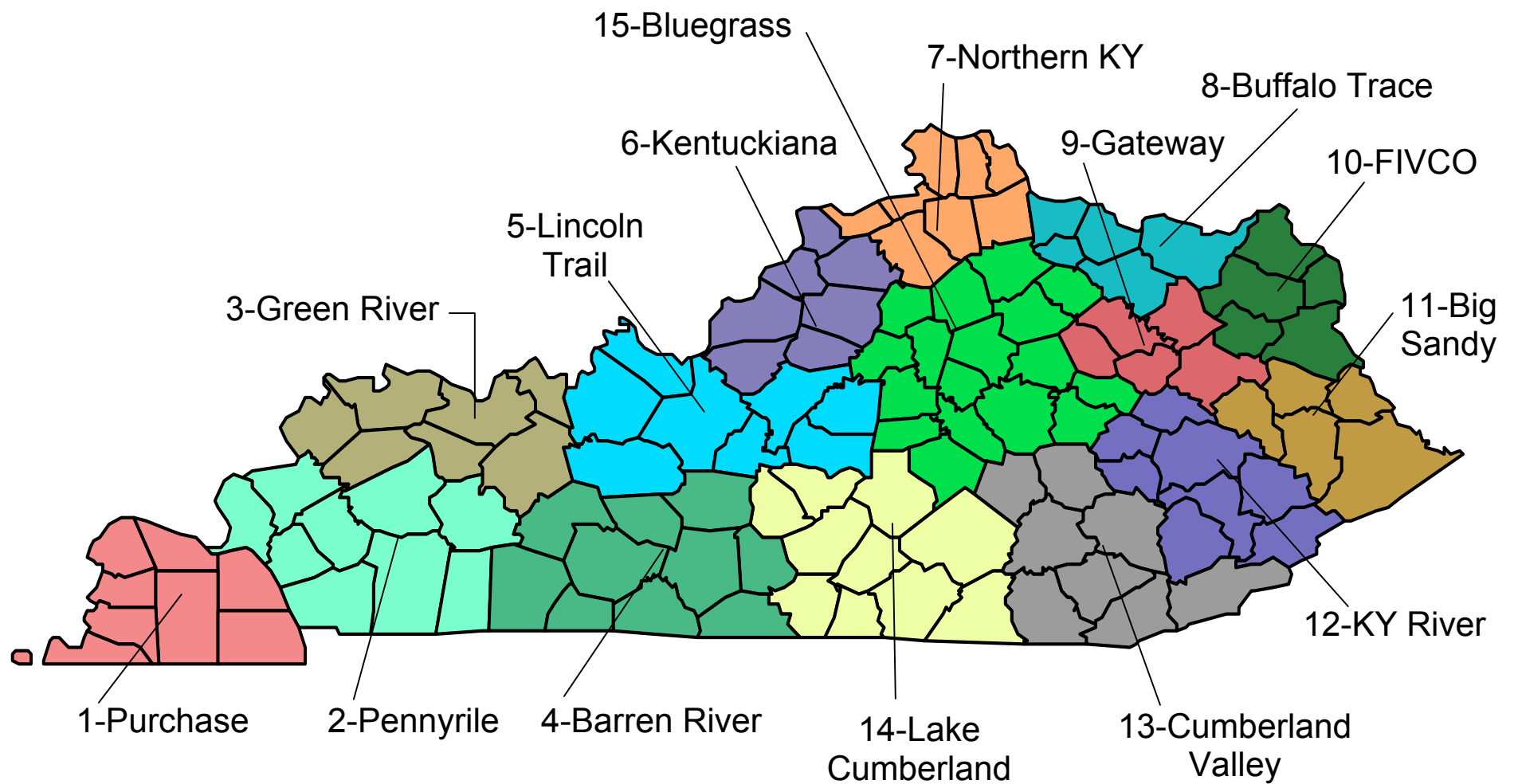
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Kentucky Area Development Districts



**ADMISSION COMPARISON
1995-2001**

Referrals/Admissions/ Patients Served/ Admission Acceptance Rate	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Percent of Change 1995-2001 Only
Total Referrals	9,639	10,244	9,868	9,152	9,656	11,581	*	*
Total Admissions	7,063	7,628	7,389	7,250	8,481	9,106	9,862	13.9
Total Patients Served	8,491	9,087	8,941	7,250	10,059	10,632	11,490	26.1
Admission Acceptance Rate (admissions per 100 referrals)	73.28%	74.46%	74.88%	79.22%	87.83%	78.63%	*	*

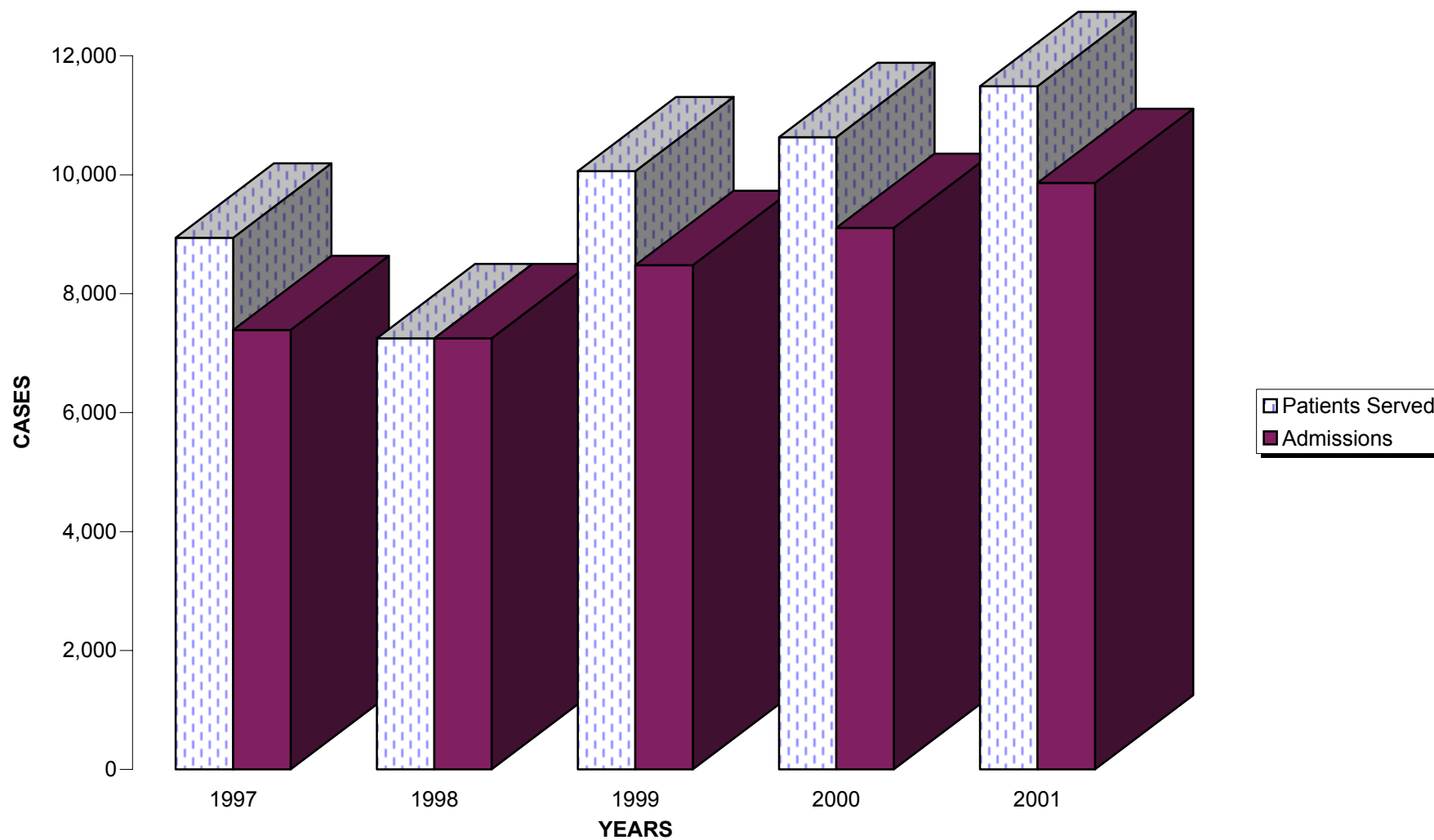
* Referral data was not collected in 2001.

**CHART 2
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY
1997-2001**

YEAR	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
DAYS	73.88	**	53.99	53.66	**

** Length of Stay data was not collected.

HOSPICE PATIENTS SERVED AND ADMISSIONS BY YEAR 1997-2001



**TOTAL HOSPICE PATIENTS SERVED BY ADD
1997-2001**

